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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :

MICHAEL DAVID BELL ET AL. :

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Group Art Unit: 1615

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For : Leave-On Cosmetic Compositions Containing A Cationic Polymer

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the December 6, 2001 Office Action, the time for response being extended by one (1) month, pursuant to the fee charged to the Assignee's Deposit account in the papers submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the remarks made herein.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. A leave-on cosmetic composition suitable for topical application to the skin comprising:
    - a) a polymeric thickening agent selected from the group consisting of non-ionic and anionic thickening agents, and mixtures thereof, having a number average molecular weight of greater than 20,000 and;
    - b) a cation containing, water-swellaable polymer;wherein said composition comprises less than 4% of an anionic, zwitterionic, or amphoteric surfactant.